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Gary:

Attached is a brief backgrounder
on the FBIS situation regarding the
Philippines.I believe Evan and Jim Hirsch
would be interested in seeing this.
PRS would also be interested, as
anything we do for increased
Philippine coverage will be
unfunded.

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BACKGROUND ON FBIS PHILIPPINES COVERAGE

1. Current FBIS Philippines coverage

- + Total of 1 hour, 40 minutes per day
- + Reception is fair to poor
- + All coverage at Hong Kong Bureau
- + Press receipts vary from 1-10 days

2. Issues

- + There are many more mediumwave transmitters than are audible at any FBIS site
- + Coverage is adequate in existing circumstances; coverage would not be adequate in crisis
- + FBIS has no beachhead in the Philippines

3. Problems

- + Embassy opposes increase to American staff in Philippines
- + Wants to be convinced there is information gap which must be filled by FBIS
- + Suggests "imaginative" approach; willing to consider proposals

4. FBIS Plans

- + Send team to Manila to conduct detailed content study of Philippine radios
- + Study coverage for crisis and emergency reporting potential
- + Conduct radio reception surveys on perimeter -- Hong Kong Island, Guam, Malaysia
- + Develop and coordinate plan; send proposal to Embassy